



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Machado Jr. *et al.*

Appl. No. 09/641,394

Filed: August 18, 2000

For: **A Method, System and Computer  
Program Product for Valuating  
Natural Gas Contracts Using  
Weather-Based Metrics**

Confirmation No. 7165

Art Unit: 3621

Examiner: John Winter

Atty. Docket: 1481.0240000

**Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312**

***Mail Stop Issue Fee***

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Submitted herein is an Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312. As payment of the issue fee has not yet been made or is filed herewith, Applicants respectfully submit that filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 is proper. (M.P.E.P. § 714.16.)

It is believed that extensions of time are not required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this Amendment. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

This Amendment is provided in the following format:

(A) Each section begins on a separate sheet;

(B) Starting on a separate sheet, a complete listing of all of the claims:

- in ascending order;
- with status identifiers; and
- with markings in the currently amended claims; and

(C) Starting on a separate sheet, the Remarks.